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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED March 26, 2003, the following documents are attached:

- Amendment Transmittal Letter
- Amendment (10 pages)
- Terminal Disclaimer

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

Claims As Amended

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	24	Minus	20	=	4	x 18 =	\$72.00
Indep.	8	Minus	4	=	4	x 84 =	\$336.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT							\$408.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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